

RICHLAND COUNTY GOVERNMENT



**OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
COUNCIL ACTIONS REPORT
REGULAR SESSION COUNCIL MEETING
February 18, 2014
6:00 p.m.**

CALL TO ORDER: JACKSON

INVOCATION: PEARCE

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: PEARCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. **Regular Session: February 18, 2014:** Approved as published.
- b. **Zoning Public Hearing: February 25, 2014:** Approved as published.
- c. **Regular Session: February 04, 2014 – Appraisal for Huger Street Properties:** Deferred. The item is on the agenda for action.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA: Approved as amended. The Report of the Dirt Road Committee was added to the agenda.

REPORT OF THE ATTORNEY FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION ITEMS

- a. **SOB Litigation Update:** Not discussed.
- b. **Economic Development Projects:** First Executive Session – No action.
- c. **Transportation Penny Update:** First and Second Executive Session – No action.
- d. **Personnel Matters:** Second Executive Session item.
- e. **Election Litigation Update:** Second Executive Session item.
- f. **Elections and Voter Registration Update:** Second Executive Session item.

CITIZEN’S INPUT: One person spoke.

REPORT OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION

- a. **Employee Recognition:** Mr. McDonald recognized Chanda Cooper for her hard work and dedication in the field of conservation. Ms. Cooper was named the 2013 Outstanding Conservation District Employee by the SC Association of Conservation Districts at the

organization's annual conference. Chanda is the educational program coordinator for the Richland Soil and Water Conservation District and the County's Conservation Department.

REPORT OF THE CLERK OF COUNCIL: No report.

REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN

- a. **TPAC Request for Non-Voting Members on any selection committee for consultant services for the Transportation Penny:** No action at this time, as this item is still being discussed.
- b. **Personnel Matter:** Second Executive Session item.

PRESENTATIONS

- a. **Central SC Alliance:** Mike Briggs presented information to Council on the 20th Anniversary of the Alliance.
- b. **Walk to School Day:** Ms. Dixon stated that Wednesday, March 5, 2014 is Walk to School Day, and invited everyone to participate.

1. OPEN/CLOSE PUBLIC HEARINGS

- a. **Authorizing Richland County, South Carolina (the "County") to issue, from time to time or at one time, in one or more issues or series, its Refunding Revenue Bonds, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$71,705,000 (the "Bonds"), the proceeds of which will be used to refund the County's \$71,705,000 Environmental Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds, 2003 Series A (International Paper Company Project) (the "Prior Bonds"), pursuant to Sections 4-29-10 et.seq. of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended; authorizing the execution and delivery of a contract of purchase providing for the issuance, sale and purchase of such bonds; and authorizing the issuance of the bonds and the execution of necessary documents and the taking of any other action necessary to be taken by the County to cause the issuance and sale of such bonds:** No one spoke.
- b. **Authorizing the expansion of the boundaries of the I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park jointly developed with Fairfield County to include certain real property located in Richland County; the execution and delivery of a Credit Agreement to provide for Special Source Revenue Credits to [Project Park I]; and other related matters:** No one spoke.
- c. **Ordinance to Amend the Agreement for Designation of the I-77 Corridor**

Regional Industrial Park dated April 15, 2003 by and between Fairfield and Richland Counties so as to enlarge the Park (Project Compact) : No one spoke.

- d. Authorizing the expansion of the boundaries of the I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park jointly developed with Fairfield County to include certain real property located in Richland County; the execution and delivery of a Credit Agreement to provide for Special Source Revenue Credits to [Project Park II]; and other related matters: No one spoke.**

2. APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS

- a. Authorizing Richland County, South Carolina (the "County") to issue, from time to time or at one time, in one or more issues or series, its Refunding Revenue Bonds, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed \$71,705,000 (the "Bonds"), the proceeds of which will be used to refund the County's \$71,705,000 Environmental Improvement Revenue Refunding Bonds, 2003 Series A (International Paper Company Project) (the "Prior Bonds"), pursuant to Sections 4-29-10 et.seq. of the Code of Laws of South Carolina 1976, as amended; authorizing the execution and delivery of a contract of purchase providing for the issuance, sale and purchase of such bonds; and authorizing the issuance of the bonds and the execution of necessary documents and the taking of any other action necessary to be taken by the County to cause the issuance and sale of such bonds [THIRD READING]: Council gave third reading approval to the ordinance. ACTION: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AUDITOR, ASSESSOR, TREASURER, FINANCE, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- b. Authorizing the expansion of the boundaries of the I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park jointly developed with Fairfield County to include certain real property located in Richland County; the execution and delivery of a Credit Agreement to provide for Special Source Revenue Credits to CD/Park7 Columbia SC Owner LLC; and other related matters [THIRD READING]: Council gave third reading approval to the ordinance. The vote to reconsider failed. ACTION: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AUDITOR, ASSESSOR, TREASURER, FINANCE, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- c. Authorizing the expansion of the boundaries of the I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park jointly developed with Fairfield County to include certain real property located in Richland County; the execution and delivery of a Credit Agreement to provide for Special Source Revenue Credits to [Project Park II]; and other related matters [SECOND READING]: Council gave second reading approval to the ordinance. ACTION: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AUDITOR, ASSESSOR, TREASURER, FINANCE, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**

- d. [Removed from Consent] **An Ordinance Authorizing an Easement to 2T Properties LLC for a sanitary sewer line across land owned by Richland County; specifically a portion of TMS # 14900-01-02 [SECOND READING]:** Council gave second reading approval to the ordinance. Staff is to provide detailed information (metes, bounds, etc.) at third reading. **ACTION: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AUDITOR, ASSESSOR, TREASURER, FINANCE, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**

- e. **Ordinance to Amend the Agreement for designation of the I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park dated April 15, 2003 by and between Fairfield and Richland Counties so as to enlarge the Park (Project Compact) [SECOND READING]:** Council gave second reading approval to the ordinance. **ACTION: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AUDITOR, ASSESSOR, TREASURER, FINANCE, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**

- f. **14-01MA**
E. B. Purcell
PDD Amendment (2.99 Acres) 425 Summit Terrace Court
23000-03-19 [SECOND READING] Council gave second reading approval to the rezoning ordinance. **ACTION: PLANNING, CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL**

- g. **An Ordinance Amending the "2009 Richland County Comprehensive Plan", by incorporating the "Spring Hill Strategic Community Master Plan" into the plan [SECOND READING]:** Council gave second reading approval to the ordinance adopting the Spring Hill Strategic Community Master Plan. **ACTION: PLANNING, CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL**

- h. **Coroner's Office: Purchase of Replacement Computer Equipment [DEFER TO THE BUDGET PROCESS]:** Council approved this item be deferred to the FY 15 budget process. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY, CORONER'S OFFICE**

- i. **Richland County Sheriff's Department ASPCA Foundation Grant/No FTE/No Match:** Council approved the grant to provide funding for equipment to implement an Animal Cruelty Response Unit. Any costs to maintain the equipment will be absorbed by the Richland County Sheriff's Department budget. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, GRANTS, FINANCE, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

- j. **Out of Cycle Funding Requests: Accommodations Tax and Hospitality Tax [DEFER TO BUDGET PROCESS]:** Council approved this item be deferred to the FY 15 budget process. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE, GRANTS**

- k. **Expanding Richland County's Community Development Staff [DEFER TO BUDGET PROCESS]:** Council approved this item be deferred to the FY 15 budget process. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

- l. CASA: Fostering Futures Youth Center [DEFER TO BUDGET PROCESS]:** Council approved this item be deferred to the FY 15 budget process. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE, CASA**
- m. Property Acquisition, 0.26 acre parcel:** Council approved the acquisition of a 0.26 acre parcel immediately adjacent to the Jim Hamilton – LB Owens Airport in the amount of \$150. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE, JIM HAMILTON – LB OWENS AIRPORT, SUPPORT SERVICES, LEGAL, RISK MANAGEMENT, AUDITOR, ASSESSOR, TREASURER**
- n. EMS Ambulance Purchase:** Council approved the purchase to remount 19 ambulance vehicles from Taylor Made Ambulance Company for a cost of \$1,500,886 with the funds coming from the EMS Bond account. **ACTION: FINANCE, PROCUREMENT, EMERGENCY SERVICES, LEGAL, SUPPORT SERVICES, RISK MANAGEMENT**
- o. Replace Deteriorated Caulk at the Expansion Joints and Windows at the Richland County Administration and Health Department Buildings:** Council approved the Procurement Department Director to enter into and award a contract with Strickland Waterproofing Company, Inc., which has been determined to be the most responsive responder complying materially with the specifications as advertised. **ACTION: FINANCE, PROCUREMENT, LEGAL, SUPPORT SERVICES**

3. SECOND READING ITEMS

- a. An Ordinance Amending the "2009 Richland County Comprehensive Plan," by incorporating the "Lower Richland Strategic Community Master Plan" into the plan [SECOND READING]:** Council gave second reading approval to the ordinance adopting the Lower Richland Strategic Community Master Plan. **ACTION: PLANNING, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- b. An Ordinance Amending Section 26-151, Permitted Uses with Special Requirements; so as to remove the distance requirement between bars and places of worship in the GC, M-1, and LI Zoning Districts under certain conditions [SECOND READING]:** Council gave second reading approval to a text amendment ordinance, which would remove setback requirements under certain conditions unless the place of worship was established prior to third reading of the ordinance. **ACTION: PLANNING, CLERK OF COUNCIL, LEGAL**

4. FIRST READING ITEMS

- a. An Ordinance Amending the Fiscal Year 2013-2014 School District One Budget to reduce tax disbursements by the amount owed to the County for election costs:** Council postponed this item for 30 days. The item will be brought back to Council if payment is not made within 30 days. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE,**

CLERK OF COUNCIL

5. REPORT OF DEVELOPMENT AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

- a. **Sewage Sludge Spray Field Applications:** Council approved staff to work with the Conservation Commission, Soil and Water District, Conservation staff, and Utilities staff to develop an ordinance related to sewage sludge spray fields that will protect County waterways. **ACTION: CONSERVATION, SOIL AND WATER, UTILITIES, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- b. **Quit Claim of Hermes Road:** Deferred for further staff review in light of information provided by the Assessor. **ACTION: PUBLIC WORKS, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- c. **Policy for Naming County-owned Facilities:** Council directed staff to work with Legal on an ordinance amendment, and forward the item to Council for action once available. **ACTION: PUBLIC INFORMATION, SUPPORT SERVICES, CAPITAL PROJECTS, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**

6. REPORT OF ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

- a. **Approval of a Family Court Social Worker/Juvenile Mental Health Court Coordinator for the Solicitor's Office and a Senior Application Support Analyst for the Information Technology Department [DEFER TO BUDGET PROCESS]:** Council approved this item be deferred to the FY 15 budget process. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, FINANCE, SOLICITOR**
- b. **2nd Annual "Relax, It's OK 2 B Single" Valentine's Day Gala Funding Request [TO DENY]:** Council denied the funding request.
- c. **Policy for Purchase of Property by Elected and Appointed Officials:** Council approved the policy, which states: "To protect the County's negotiation position and to minimize the possibility of creating false expectations or incomplete understanding among potential sellers, in cases where any Richland County official or personnel is interested in potential property acquisition, such interest should be directed confidentially to the County Administrator or his/her designee (which may include Facilities or other acquisition personnel or agents acting on behalf of the County), with notice to the full Council for its information and consideration. This policy is adopted by County Council and shall be enforced thereby." **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, LEGAL, SUPPORT SERVICES, CAPITAL PROJECTS**
- d. **Reclassification and Promotion Handbook Revisions:** Council deferred this item to the next Council Meeting, and requested demographics information re: past four years' worth of reclassifications be provided at that time (number of years experience;

degree; race; age; etc.). **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, HUMAN RESOURCES, CLERK OF COUNCIL**

7. REPORT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- a. An Ordinance to Amend the Master Agreement Governing the I-77 Corridor Regional Industrial Park to include additional property in Richland County and to authorize a Credit Agreement with University Residences Columbia LLC [FIRST READING BY TITLE ONLY]:** Council gave first reading approval by title only to the ordinance. **ACTION: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AUDITOR, ASSESSOR, TREASURER, FINANCE, LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**

8. OTHER ITEMS

- a. A Resolution to Appoint and Commission Dennis Wayne Thomas as a Code Enforcement Officer for the proper security, general welfare, and convenience of Richland County:** Council approved the Resolution. **ACTION: LEGAL, CLERK OF COUNCIL**
- b. Appraisal for Huger Street Properties:** Council approved having an appraisal completed for the Huger Street properties. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, CAPITAL PROJECTS, PROCUREMENT, FINANCE**
- c. Report of the Dirt Road Committee:** Add dirt roads with connectivity to the list of 45 roads that will be paved under the Low Volume Paving Project (including Overlook and swapping out Boylston with Donald). **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, PUBLIC WORKS, TRANSPORTATION PENNY, PROCUREMENT**

9. CITIZEN'S INPUT: No one spoke.

10. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- a. Transportation Penny Update:** No action.
- b. Personnel Matters:** No action.
- c. Election Litigation Update:** No action.
- d. Elections and Voter Registration Update:** No action.

11. MOTION PERIOD

- a. To have Richland County Council utilize SCDOT grant funding under their Safe Route to Schools Program, availability to put sidewalks from schools to connect**

to neighborhoods. **[DIXON]:** Forwarded to the D&S Committee. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, GRANTS, PUBLIC WORKS**

b. **Revisit the ordinance on having commercial vehicles parked in neighborhoods or residential communities [JACKSON]:** Forwarded to the D&S Committee. **ACTION: ADMINISTRATION, PLANNING**

c. **Resolution: March as Red Cross Month [DICKERSON]:** Council approved the Resolution. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

d. **Resolution re: National High School Player of the Year, Aja Wilson [LIVINGSTON]:** Council approved the Resolution. **ACTION: CLERK OF COUNCIL**

12. ADJOURNMENT: Council adjourned at 8:48pm.